# *StatsUpdate*

**Topic:** **2016 Nunavut Food Price Survey**
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**Background:** In **March 2016**, the fourth cycle of the Nunavut Food Price Survey was conducted in all 25 communities. Among the **141 food and non-food items** surveyed by Government Liaison Officers, **48 items** were comparable to the **CPI Food Price Basket** produced by Statistics Canada.

The Nunavut Bureau of Statistics (NBS) will release a series of community level food price data tables in the upcoming months. The first table released on the NBS website compares the prices of **48** Nunavut items to those recorded in the monthly CPI Food Price Basket produced by Statistics Canada.

The graph shows a Nunavut and Canada price comparison for **11** select items. In general, Nunavummiut can expect to pay around two times the price in the rest of Canada for the same items. Among the 11 items illustrated below, carrots had the highest price ratio difference, where the cost was **3.1** times higher than the average price of Canada, followed by white flour (**2.7**) and toothpaste (**2.3**).

**Details:**

**Notes:**

1. Nunavut price is the average price of each selected item for all reporting Nunavut communities.
2. Prices were collected in March 2016.
3. Prices for Canada are the average retail prices published by Statistics Canada – CANSIM, Table 326-0012 and Catalogue no. 62-001-X. The Table is available at http://www5.statcan.gc.ca/cansim/a26?lang=eng&id=3260012&pattern=&stByVal=1&p1=1&p2=-35&tabMode=data&csid=
4. For the complete tables showing food prices for select items across all 25 Nunavut communities and the comparison with the rest of Canada see the release – "2016 Nunavut Food Price Survey, Comparison of Nunavut & Canada CPI Food Price Basket Items" by visiting the Nunavut Bureau of Statistics Website at http://www.stats.gov.nu.ca/en/home.aspx

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